



Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. **If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall -**

tegrement@egremont-ma.gov or 413-528-0182.

Selectboard:

The Board is consider going from a bi-monthly to a quarterly distribution of this newsletter. And eliminating the time consuming and expensive mailing. The newsletter will still be available at the current and additional public sites.

The board recently had a presentation from MassDOT on the Rte 23/41 reconstruction project. Construction is still planned for FY 2022. The 25% design public hearing should is scheduled for April 15 at 7pm at Town Hall. Anyone wishing to see the presentation and a layout of the design can do so on the Town's web page.

http://www.egremont-ma.gov/MADOT_HWY_PP_T_EGR_012020.pdf

Budget season is in full swing both on the Selectboard's table and the Finance Committee's table. The Selectboard is meeting every other Tuesday at 10am for budget review. The next budget meeting is scheduled for March 10. The Finance Committee is meeting every other Wednesday evening. Their next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 11 at 5pm.

Town Meeting is right around the corner. The Annual Town Meeting is May 5 at 7pm at the Mt. Everett High School. Warrants (agenda) will be available April 20. The Annual Town Election is the following Tuesday, May 12 from 10am to 7pm at the North Egremont Fire Station. Nomination papers are due to arrive at the Town Clerk's office by March 24 for the following elected positions: Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, Selectman for three years, Library Trustee for three years, Cemetery Commissioner for three years, member of the Planning Board for five years, Tree Warden for one

year, Assessor for three years, Associate member of the Planning Board for two years.

The Board has begun discussions with surrounding towns to share a human resource position as it has been impossible to find someone for the Town's 6 hours per week. Several of Egremont's neighbors have expressed an interest in sharing the Personnel Director position. Discussions are currently ongoing.

Representatives for the Town continue to take part in discussions surrounding the consolidation of the Berkshire Hills and South Berkshire Regional School Districts. This will likely take years. The first meeting of the 24 member Planning Committee is scheduled for March 7, 10am, Stockbridge Town Hall, 2nd floor.

Meet Your Town Employees:

Each newsletter we will highlight a different town employee.

Police Chief Jason LaForest



Jason became Egremont's Police Chief July 1, 2019 after serving as a Police Officer in Great Barrington for 13 years. Jason lives just over the line in Alford. Stop and say hello to Jason.

Annual roadside clean-up:

The Egremont Green Committee's town-wide road-side clean-up day will be April 18 this year, with May 2 as a raindate. Sign-ups will begin in March with an announcement on EgremontPost. Or, if you're too eager to wait, email Marj (mwxler43@gmail.com) to claim your stretch of road.

ECO-TIP

Buy used, or borrow. NeighborNet now has a virtual Tool-Lending Library. Find the announcement elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Broadband Network Project:

Contract negotiations between Fiber Connect and MBI continue. As we have noted previously, bringing FC into the unserved areas of Egremont involves two separate contracts with separate negotiations. One is an agreement between FC and the Town covering all the requirements of a public procurement along with specifics about coverage area, technology, customer service, pricing, and several other terms. The other is a grant award agreement between FC and MBI covering the state's payment to FC for construction of the network, with provisions designed to protect the investment of public funds and ensure that taxpayers get their monies' worth. The FC-Town agreement is finished though not yet signed. It has been fully reviewed by Town Counsel, and the Town is ready to sign off. FC also indicates they are satisfied with the agreement, but their lawyer has advised them not to sign until the FC reaches agreement with MBI on the grant agreement.

The Town has been monitoring the FC-MBI negotiations, and FC recently indicated that they are making good progress. Part of the issue has been that heretofore MBI has tried to fit the FC/Egremont situation into their established templates either for town-owned networks or for pre-approved large-scale established providers (like Charter). FC and MBI are now working together on a customized approach that more closely aligns with the facts at hand, a very positive development.

Fire Department:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>
<i>/Location</i>		<i>/Type</i>
12/19/2019	5:03 PM	191
Ox Bow Rd.		Alarm/False
12/19/2019	6:44 PM	192
Ox Bow Rd.		Medical
12/20/2019	8:18 PM	193
Baldwin Hill	N/S	Alarm/False
12/21/2019	3:48 AM	194
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
12/23/2019	8:59 AM	195
Ox Bow Rd.		Alarm/False
12/23/2019	12:41 PM	196
Jug End Rd.		Medical
12/23/2019	10:19 PM	197
Pinecrest Hill Rd.		Alarm/False
12/27/2019	10:08 AM	198
Under Mountain Rd.		medical
12/28/2019	9:02 PM	199
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
12/30/2019	2:22 PM	200
Cross Rd. Mt. Washington		Medical
12/31/2019	5:32 AM	201
Smileys Pond & RT 23		MVA
1/2/2020	9:46 AM	1
Under Mountain Rd.		Medical
1/3/2020	6:56 PM	2
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
1/4/2020	6:55 PM	3
Egremont Heights		Medical
1/6/2020	10:19 AM	4
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
1/12/2020	8:07 AM	5
Prospect Lake Rd.		Wires down
1/12/2020	8:07 AM	6
Lakeside Dr.		Wires Down
1/12/2020	3:22 PM	7
Pumpkin Hollow Rd.		Vehicle Fire
1/16/2020	8:22 AM	8
Prospect Lake Rd.		Medical
1/18/2020	6:33 PM	9
Hillsdale Rd.		MVA/WPI
1/28/2020	6:09 PM	10
Greenwood Cir.		Medical
1/28/2020	7:44 PM	11
Hillsdale Rd.		Fire/Stove

2/1/2020	6:02 PM	12
Baldwin Hill N/S and E/W		Medical
2/5/2020	3:37 AM	13
West View Rd.		Medical
2/6/2020	10:46 AM	14
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
2/11/2020	3:18 AM	15
Hickory Hill Rd.		Medical
2/15/2020	4:08 PM	16
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
2/16/2020	2:29 PM	17
Rt23 Hillsdale Mutual		Structure/Fire
2/17/2020	5:45 PM	18
Egremont Plain Rd.		Medical
2/21/2020	10:22 AM	19
Nicholson Rd.		Medical
2/22/2020	9:50 AM	20
Main St.		Medical
1/22/2020	3:51 PM	21
Prospect Lake		Rescue

ECO-TIP

Thinking of gardening? Don't use plastic, including geotextiles, as mulch. It won't disappear until you send it to the trash. Newspaper is considered safe: no heavy metals in the ink anymore.

Tax Collector:

Improvements to online payments

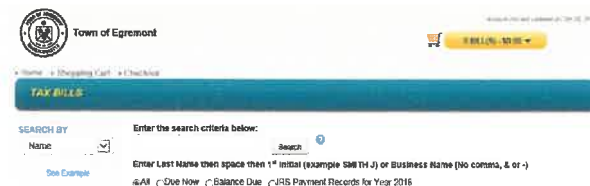
On Payments - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for payments of real estate, personal property, excise, water and alarm bills. Visit the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov and click on "pay your Egremont bills online". You'll need to choose the appropriate "box" for the type of payment you are making. Follow the instructions. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card. There are fees assessed by the processor for this service. You will be prompted to continue if you accept the fee.

A couple of notes:

You are able to "search" for your bill information. You can search by, "all, due now, or balance due". Search by last name and first initial, no punctuation. If a shopping cart appears to the right, there is a balance due. You can also see a record of payments made. (Online payments made will not appear immediately)

If you are making a "partial payment" (available for real estate only) you must proceed all the way to the cart at which point you can change the amount.

You now have the availability to click on the tab "IRS Payment Records for Year 2019" for tax payments made.



ECO-TIP

Try to shop local, but if you have to shop on line, say NO! to fast shipping! And if you're ordering multiple items, ask that they be sent together. Both will reduce the carbon footprint of your order.

Board of Health:

Spring brings to mind "spring cleaning" and chores to keep your home in tip-top condition. In that vein, spring is an excellent time to practice two annual chores which will help ensure the health of all those who occupy your home.

For those residents who aren't served by town water, spring is a great time to have your water quality tested. The process of taking water samples is simple and relatively inexpensive for the peace of mind it brings. Water sampling kits are available at Town Hall and instructions on how and where to take the sample are included inside. There are multiple types of tests ranging from \$50 for a basic bacteria test to \$150 which includes bacteria as well as other chemical compounds.

And for those of you who have a filter on your septic tanks, a reminder that those filters must be cleaned annually to avoid clogging and eventual backup. Believe me, a septic backup is something you want to avoid at all costs – it is messy and gross (this is septic effluent after all)

Cleaning a filter yourself is not difficult - remove manhole cover from septic tank, wearing rubber gloves, remove filter and clean with high pressure hose. If you prefer, you can hire a licensed septic tank pumper and have them perform this work. If a septic tank pumper is there, you may also want to consider having your tank

pumped as well. Rule of thumb is your septic tank should be pumped every 4 – 5 years, depending on usage and number of people in your home.

Happy Spring to you all from your Board of Health.

ECO-TIP

For kitchen and bathroom, buy paper products made from recycled paper. Even better, use reusable cloth napkins and cloth towels to mop up spills and wipe kitchen counters. The mature trees in arboreal forests are champions at carbon sequestration and shouldn't be felled for our single-use convenience.

Council on Aging:

Hope winter is treating you well.
Remember spring is just around the corner!

Our winter months have been busy. Our January Luncheon featured Egremont First Responder Dave Katzenstein. He talked about what to do and what not to do when you are waiting for an ambulance. Lots of good information we may all need some day.



*(Dave Katzenstein presenting at January Luncheon-
Photo credit Peg Muskrat)*

Also joining us was Highway Superintendent Jim Noe. Jim told us what they do to get ready for a storm, how they decide what order to plow the roads in and how and why they treat the roads. I think we all left with an appreciation of how complex the job is and appreciation of the great work they do for us.

February featured Lesliann Furcht, Librarian, and Police Chief Jason LaForest who told us about the latest scams targeting seniors. Again, very helpful info as seniors are frequently the target

of scams. You should call the Police Department right away if you think you have been the victim of a scam.

On March 4th we will be joined by the "Sunday Strummers Ukulele Ensemble". It promises to be an entertaining and lively afternoon. Our April 1st presenter will be Ann Elizabeth Barnes who will do a presentation on "Mumbet". And May 6th features Egremont artist Margot Trout who will show us slides of her wonderful landscapes of our town and surrounding areas.

Many thanks to all our presenters....they entertain, amuse and inform us!

As always our Luncheons take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 at the Egremont Village Inn. If you have difficulty getting out or need a ride please call us at 528-0182 x 24 and we will have a volunteer pick you up.



*(Enjoying February COA lunch-
Photo credit Peg Muskrat)*

Speaking of volunteers, a shout out to all of you who have volunteered to pick up trash and take it to the Transfer Station for anyone who may be unable to get there. Call 528-0182 x 24 and we will arrange this if you need this service.

Do you have Medicare and need to change plans? Please know that Medicare has acknowledged that some people may have "made the wrong plan choice because of inaccurate information from the new Plan Finder website." They advise you to call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) and explain your situation. The Call Center representatives can help you throughout the year with options for making changes. If you would like to research your options before making the call, you can talk with a SHINE counselor by calling 1-800-243-4636 or Elder Services SHINE counselors at 413-499-0524.

Our Exercise Program continues to meet on Wednesdays at the North Egremont Firehouse starting at

10:45. Exercise is followed by a light lunch. Thea Basis is the instructor. She encourages participants to work at their own pace and ability and stresses flexibility, balance, and agility. The cost is \$5.00 per class and you can join at any time. Come and give it a try. It's a relaxed atmosphere and offers a chance to visit after exercising.

Winter is not over yet so please remember to pick up your "Sand for Seniors" bucket at the Town Hall. We will also deliver one to you. Just call 528-0182 x 24 to arrange. And please remember to return empty buckets in the spring so we don't have to keep purchasing new ones. We can also pick them up. Again call 528-0182 x 24.

You can still apply for Fuel Assistance. Call Berkshire Community Action in Pittsfield at 413-445-4503 or Great Barrington 413-528-1947 for information. COA continues to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be given to the Lions Club. They refurbish them and make them available to those in need. You can drop them at the Town Hall and we will get them to the Lions Club rep.

If you have difficulty shopping and getting to the store we want to let you know about INSTACART. It is a shopping and delivery service. Price Chopper, Big Y and CVS all participate. There is a delivery fee. You can go online at INSTACART or call 1-888-246-7822 for more information.

Our "Good Morning, Senior" program continues Monday thru Friday each week between 9:00 and 10:00. You call in, a volunteer will answer your call and we know you are safe. You can join at any time and can pick up forms at the Town Hall or Police Department. We can also mail them to you. A great way to insure your well being.

With days getting longer and warmer many of you will be resuming your daily walks, runs or bike rides. Please remember to get and wear your "Be Seen, Be Safe" vests. I think we've all encountered walkers who aren't wearing them and realize how difficult it is to see them. The vests are available for free at the Town Hall or Police Department.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our programs please call 528-0182 x 24 and we will add your name to our list of volunteers.

As always, remember that your COA is here to assist. Call us at 528-0182 x 24 or stop by the Town Hall. We're glad to assist you in any way we can.

NEW: A Tool-Lending Library, for Egremonters only

Take a look at NeighborNet's newly designed and enhanced website. In addition to helping each other in a variety of ways (need a ride to a doctor's appointment? a dog walker?), the website provides a list of local service providers recommended by neighbors, info on how to use less plastic, and a **tool-lending library**. It's a great way to strengthen our community! If you are not yet a NeighborNet member, email Marj at mwexler43@gmail.com to join. Then bookmark this page on your computer and visit the site often!

<https://sites.google.com/site/egneighbornet>

Conservation Commission

New Commissioner: Big news for us—we have a new full-time Commissioner, who joined us in late February after several weeks of serving as an associate member, pending his recent appointment by the Selectboard as a Commission member. And the person is: Patrick Riordan.

Many may already know him through his annual Spring Egremont Land Trust "Invasives Walk". He has a horticultural certificate from Berkshire Botanical Gardens and is working towards an advanced degree in Native Plant Landscapes from BBG. Last May he received his Certificate in Invasive Plant Management from UMass Extension, which included the study of wetlands.

Patrick's particular focus will help broaden the expertise of the Commission as we deal with the ever evolving Wetlands Protection Act.

Some Budgetary Items. Over the past year we've become acutely aware that our currently system of dealing with files is totally outdated. We have no space to store maps and historically projects have been filed by Applicant Name. In a small way we've begun moving forward by using addresses instead of names for properties as, obviously, property changes hands and looking for a file under a name may not yield results. In addition we've found that trying to locate applicable older project maps often results in a deadend. And, perhaps most importantly, the State is requiring most project submissions to be digital. A local consultant has provided us with a minimal setup of a smart TV, various

Internet connectivity elements, and minor accessories, as well as suggested Google Cloud storage. The total request is for \$1,000, which includes a yearly Google Cloud storage subscription fee of ~\$25. While the Commission would be the primary user of this, obviously it would be Town owned and useable by others, such as the Planning Board and perhaps, even the Cemetery Commission. The Selectboard did suggest we review the existing video equipment, which we did at our first February meeting. The Commission agreed that while adequate for many applications, it could not meet the digital needs the Commission now faces.

In addition, we are seeking funding for a part-time clerk, a position that several surrounding towns, such as Sheffield, have. This person would primarily be involved in migrating our files to digital, as well as updating files to reflect address (see above) and scanning as many plans as possible for cloud storage. We are looking at \$3,000 or ~\$15/hr. for a properly qualified person, approximately 15 hours per month.

As always we welcome your input, and we can always use another Associate Member of the Commission.

ECO-TIP

Contamination in the Recycling Bin: Not the peanut butter left in the jar (although that jar should be clean, too), but the “wishful recycling” items thrown into the bin -- items that do not belong, such as plastic clothes hangers, black plastic, and things made of already-recycled plastic. These belong in the trash. When in doubt, THROW IT OUT!

Emergency Management:

If any power outages occur in our area, it is imperative that they be reported via the National Grid Customer Service or Outage Reporting phone numbers. Please report any outages or downed wires via these phone numbers. Every outage phone call that National Grid receives is logged into their outage tracking system and better enables them to pinpoint the location of the issue. The sooner that they can identify the location of the issue, the better they can respond.

Outage Reporting Phone Numbers:

Customer Service: **1-800-322-3223** (can also be used for any other general questions)

Outage Reporting: **1-800-465-1212** (automated line for reporting power outages or downed wires)

Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

Egremont's Emergency Management Team encourages all residents to be prepared for weather events that affect us here in the Berkshires - from winter snows to severe thunderstorms. The information and links provided on the Town of Egremont website preparedness page will help you better prepare yourself and your family for these events.

Egremont is able to make announcements to townspeople by way of telephone and email. There are several messages that may be sent to you. Street closures, water issues, meetings and other general informational topics may utilize the system. In an emergency, the system is set up to call all of the numbers you have listed with Egremont, along with any email addresses you have registered in the system. It is also able to send text messages.

Egremont's telephone alert system works by detecting a voice when you answer the phone. After you pick up the phone and say hello, there may be a second or two of 'dead air'. The system will wait after you answer in order to determine if there is an answering machine on the line. The message will start after that.

If you wish, the system can send an email or text message to you. It can also call your cell phone or VOIP type telephone (through your television or computer if you have that service).

The important thing to know is that you must register those means of contact with the Town of Egremont; the system only has access to regular listed land line telephone numbers; it cannot detect unlisted numbers. It also cannot get VOIP or cell phone numbers, nor can it determine email addresses. Those must be manually entered into the system.

If you would like to change or add your information into the system, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses.

If you have any questions about the alert system, please drop us an email or call us and we will be happy to answer them.

Email: wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov Phone: 413 528-

0182 ext 17

TO EGREMONT BUSINESSES – Feeling “green”?

The Egremont Green Committee would like to recognize Egremont businesses that take steps to be more “green.” Has your business installed solar panels? Do you offer discounts to people with electric or hybrid cars? Do you buy only Energy-Star appliances? Do you put your device chargers on a master-switch? Notify a Green Committee member!

Sustainability Coordinator:

This April 22nd will mark the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day.

Some of us are old enough to remember that era fifty years ago of rampant unregulated pollution and environmental disasters. Hard to believe, but in the late 1960s Lake Erie caught on fire from the industrial waste that was then allowed to be discharged into it. In upstate New York an area known as “Love Canal” became synonymous with toxic chemical compounds which contaminated the area’s drinking water supply.

We’ve come so far in these 50 years, yet have so far to go. Climate change is no longer a fringe idea embraced only by “tree hugging” environmentalists. The effects of climate change are real and have the science to back it up.

There is a growing awareness of the environmental problems facing the future of our planet, and every day more and more people are making mindful choices to combat these growing problems. From the installation of solar panels on your roof, to driving a fuel efficient or electric vehicle, to making your home more energy efficient, to driving less, to finding alternatives to single-use plastic products, to continuing to recycle properly and composting your kitchen scraps – we do what we can as individuals to protect and preserve the gift of a healthy planet while we support environmental policies and innovation which address the problems on the national and international level.

This Earth Day celebrate the strides that have been made in the last 50 years while recognizing the work that still needs to be done. Together our efforts will support a healthy and sustainable world for future generations to come.

Water Department:

It’s now easier to pay your bills online instead of by mail. On the Town’s website (www.egremont-ma.gov) select ‘Pay your Egremont bills online’ on the right side of the links at the top of the page. You will be directed to the Tax Collector’s page where there are two boxes - one for Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills, and the other box for Excise, Water and Alarm bills. Just click on the highlighted link, and presto! UNIPAY will process your payment; just select the appropriate transaction and follow the instructions on the page.

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day? A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money.

Toilet Leaks are hard to detect. They are usually caused by a bad main valve, flapper valve seat, a bad flush valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Test your toilets by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH! Wait for 15 to 20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made.

Faucet Leaks are easy to find. If it drips, or worse, continues running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is warm, it is costing you extra money! Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off, it is usually caused by bad washers or seats which need replacing. Also, check for leaks from the tub faucet when the shower is turned on. This leak will defeat the purpose of a low-flow shower head because the water you save with the low-flow device is lost from the tub faucet.

The Egremont Water Department has endorsed the Service Sentinel water line maintenance program. This program, offered by New England Service Company (NESC), is available to all water customers and covers any maintenance activity on water lines caused by normal breakage or rupture that develops on a customer’s property. For more details about this program please visit www.SentinelPlans.com or call NESC at 860-747-1665 for more information.

As always, if you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

Bylaw Review Committee:

Town voters approved reformatted General Bylaws at the last annual town meeting. The Bylaw Review Committee is currently engaged in further updating the General Bylaws, correcting errors in them, simplifying them where possible and suggesting other changes for the voters to consider.

You can find the General Bylaws in the Town's 2019 Annual Report and on the Town's website under the tab for Meetings, Notices & Announcements. The public is welcome at all Committee meetings. Meetings and their agendas are posted on the Town's website, as are the minutes of past meetings. The Committee encourages Egremonters to become Committee members.

Friends of Prospect Lake (FOPL):

Winter on the lake means no weeds to deal with for now. So the Friends of Prospect Lake (FOPL) take care of matters that prepare for the summer's activity. We spend time with our lake management consultants, SOLitude, to check past results and see if any new approaches to weed control have surfaced. We start collecting and organizing items for next August's tag sale. We review our files to prepare for April's membership drive. We put the off season to good use.

If you would like information on the Friends of Prospect Lake or our work, please get in touch with Marj Wexler (mwexler43@gmail.com). And by all means, check out FOPL's website at www.prospectlake.org.

National Grid:

Exciting news!

National Grid now sends **personalized power outage alerts by text**, email, and phone call!

This new 2-way outage communication system allows residents to:

- Text National Grid to report outages
- Check on the progress of restoration

It allows National Grid to:

- Alert residents that we've detected a power outage at their property
- Let residents know we have estimates or updates on how long it will take for power to be restored

Indicate a weather warning for the neighborhood

As a result, **this offering can help residents stay informed and significantly reduce the volume of calls directed to your police, fire, and town hall offices during major weather events.**

It's very easy for residents to enroll. Simply **text REG (for "register") to 64743**. You will need your their 10-digit National Grid electricity account number ready to register.

Link to our website at:

<https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Storms-Outages/Stay-Connected>

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

*Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment*

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Meetings as posted. Administrative Assistant is at Town Hall Thursday 9am to 12noon.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon.

Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Selectboard - Generally meetings every other Tuesday evenings 6pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Cemetery Commission - first Friday of every month at 8am. Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth

Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

*Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm
or by appointment*

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

*Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm
Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall*

*Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed
To reach a board member or to leave a message
please call the Town Hall 528-0182.*

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses:

*Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming*

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

*Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging*

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

*Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing*

413-528-3230

*41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.*

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

*Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs*

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs

413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

*Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture
(CSA) & Farmers Markets*

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

*Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.*

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

*Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.*

Syrup and Honey

413-528-5710

*Skip DelVaglio - Old Drone Apiary at Frog Cottage
(Local Honey)*

1257 Sheffield - Egremont Road

413 528-2308

Frog Cottage Goodies: Phyllis & Cynthia

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, fruitcakes, cheesecakes

1257 Sheffield/Egremont Road

Great Barrington MA 01230

413-528-2308

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-717-0507

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

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This recipe is from the Town's History Book that was published in 1975 celebrating the Town's 200'th birthday.

Mary Curtiss' Cookies

2 cups molasses, 1 cup shortening (half butter and half bacon fat is very good), 10 tbsp hot coffee, 3 tsp soda dissolved in the coffee, 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp ginger, a little salt, 6 cups flour—maybe a little more.

Don't roll too thin. They taste best when soft and warm.



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Tentative- Subject to Change- Check With Town Hall

Town Hall Monday-Friday 7am-3pm

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2 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

3 Selectboard 6:00pm
Assessors 9-12
Bd of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Bldg Inspector 12:30-3:30
Primary Election

4 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Historical Comm 4pm
2nd floor Library

5 Assessors 9-12
Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

6 Cemetery Comm 8:30 am

7 Archives Room 9-12

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Daylight Saving Time Begins

9 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

10 Selectboard 10:00am
Assessors 9-12
Bd of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Bldg Inspector 12:30-3:30

11 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3


12 Assessors 9-12
Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Water Dept 3p
Conservation Comm 5:30pm

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16 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

 17 Selectboard 6:00pm
Assessors 9-12
Bd of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Bldg Inspector 12:30-3:30

18 Council on Aging 11am
Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

19 Assessors 9-12
Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Spring Begins

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23 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

24 Selectboard 10:00am
Assessors 9-12
Bd of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3
Bldg Inspector 12:30-3:30

25 Board of Health 7-12:30
Town Clerk 1-3

26 Assessors 9-12
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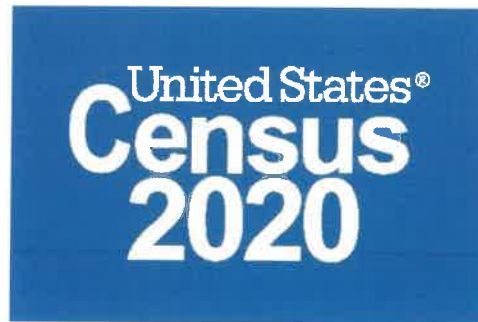
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**Transfer Station: Tues, Thurs 8-1; Sat 8-3;
Sun 12-4
Library: Mon, Tues, Thurs 2-6; Sat 9-12**

TOWN OF EGREMONT - April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tentative- Subject to Change- Check With Town Hall Town Hall Monday-Friday 7-3pm Phone: 413-528-0182 Fax: 413-528-5465 Website: www.egremont-ma.gov Email: tegrement@egremont-ma.gov Transfer Station: Tu, Th 8-1; Sat 8-3; Sun 12-4 Library: M, Tu, Th 2-6; Sat 9-12						
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Dalton Library Senior Center Egremont Library	Florida Town Hall Great Barrington Libraries Senior Center Town Hall	Washington Becket Athenaeum West Stockbridge Library Town Hall
Hancock Town Hall Lanesborough Library	Peru Library Pittsfield Berkshire Athenaeum City Hall RSVP Senior Center Intermodal Transit Center Habitat for Humanity Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center Mildred Elley	Williamstown Library Town Hall Senior Center Sawyer Library & Schow Science Library at Williams College
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